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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is being submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2006 and is being timely filed within the shortened statutory period set for a response to the Office Action. No extension of time petition is believed to be due. If any fee is due for filing this response, charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (Billing No. 210407.0073).

Please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks and Conclusion are on page 12.